

A1 Application number FR98/09457 filed on July 24, 1998 and U.S. Provisional

Application number 60/122,792, filed March 4, 1999.--

ordered.
REMARKS

The above-identified application has been amended to include a Claim of priority.

Thus, no new matter has been added.

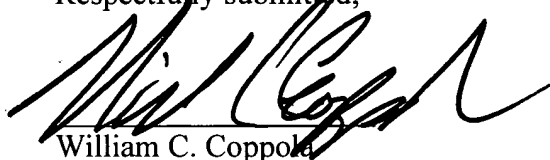
Fees

No fees are believed to be necessitated by the instant response. However, should this be in error, authorization is hereby given to charge Deposit Account no. 18-1982 for any underpayment, or to credit any overpayments.

CONCLUSION

Early and favorable action on the claims is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,



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